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# VIA U.S. MAIL

Attorney General Gordon MacDonald Office of the Attorney General 33 Capitol Street Concord, NH 03301

Re: Goodville Mutual Casualty Company – Incident Notification

Dear Sir or Madam:

McDonald Hopkins PLC represents Goodville Mutual Casualty Company ("Goodville Mutual"). I am writing to provide notification of an incident at Goodville Mutual that may affect the security of personal information of approximately one (1) New Hampshire resident. Goodville Mutual's investigation is ongoing, and this notification will be supplemented with any new or significant facts or findings subsequent to this submission, if any. By providing this notice, Goodville Mutual does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of New Hampshire law or personal jurisdiction.

Goodville Mutual recently learned that an unauthorized individual may have obtained access to two of its agent's credentials between November 23, 2020 and January 4, 2021 and ran unauthorized searches. Both Goodville Mutual and its agents utilize a third-party computerized database to gather information about policyholders and through this third-party database have access to non-policy holder information as well. Goodville Mutual immediately launched an investigation in consultation with outside cybersecurity professionals who regularly investigate and analyze these types of situations. Goodville Mutual devoted considerable time and effort to determine what information may have been accessible to the unauthorized individual. Based on its comprehensive investigation and review, Goodville Mutual discovered on April 22, 2021 that the information accessed may have included a limited amount of personal information, including the affected resident's full name, Social Security number, and/or driver's license number.

To date, Goodville Mutual is not aware of any misuse of any information as a result of this incident. Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, Goodville Mutual wanted to inform you (and the affected resident) of the incident and to explain the steps that it is taking to help safeguard the affected resident against identity fraud. Goodville Mutual is providing the affected resident with written notification of this incident commencing on or about May 18, 2021 in substantially the same form as the letter attached hereto. Goodville Mutual is offering the affected resident complimentary one-year membership with a credit monitoring service.

Goodville Mutual is advising the affected resident about the process for placing fraud alerts and/or security freezes on their credit files and obtaining free credit reports. The affected resident is also being provided with the contact information for the consumer reporting agencies and the Federal Trade Commission.

At Goodville Mutual, protecting the privacy of personal information is a top priority. Goodville Mutual is committed to maintaining the privacy of personal information in its possession and has taken many precautions to safeguard it. Goodville Mutual continually evaluates and modifies its practices and internal controls to enhance the security and privacy of personal information.

Should you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact me at (248) 220-1356 or dpaluzzi@mcdonaldhopkins.com. Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Dominic A. Paluzzi

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### What You Can Do.

What Information Was Involved.

Dear

To protect you from potential misuse of your information, we are offering a complimentary one-year membership of Experian IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup> Credit 3B. This product helps detect possible misuse of your personal information and provides you with identity protection services focused on immediate identification and resolution of identity theft. IdentityWorks Credit 3B is completely free to you and enrolling in this program will not affect your credit score. For more information on identity theft prevention and IdentityWorks Credit 3B, including instructions on how to activate your complimentary one-year membership, please see the additional information provided in this letter.

The information accessed may have included some of your personal information, specifically your

This letter also provides other precautionary measures you can take to protect your personal information, including placing a fraud alert and/or security freeze on your credit files, and/or obtaining a free credit report. Additionally, you should always remain vigilant in reviewing your financial account statements and credit reports for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis.

### For More Information.

Please accept our apologies that this incident occurred. We remain fully committed to maintaining the privacy of personal information in our possession and have taken many precautions to safeguard it. We continually evaluate and modify our practices to enhance the security and privacy of your personal information.

If you have any further questions regarding this incident, please call our dedicated and confidential toll-free response line that we have set up to respond to questions at . This response line is staffed with professionals familiar with this incident and knowledgeable about what you can do to protect against misuse of your information. The response line is available Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:30 pm Central Time, excluding major US holidays.

Sincerely,

Goodville Mutual Casualty Company

#### - OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION -

## 1. Enrolling in Complimentary 12-Month Credit Monitoring.

### Activate IdentityWorks Credit 3B Now in Three Easy Steps

1.	ENROLL by:	(Your code will not work after this date.)		
2.	VISIT the Experian IdentityWorks website to enro			
3.	PROVIDE the Activation Code:			
If you have questions about the product, need assistance with identity restoration or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian Identity Works online, please contact Experian's customer care team at engagement number as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian.				

# ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 12-MONTH EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS CREDIT 3B MEMBERSHIP:

A credit card is **not** required for enrollment in Experian Identity Works Credit 3B.

You can contact Experian **immediately without needing to enroll in the product** regarding any fraud issues. Identity Restoration specialists are available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.

Once you enroll in Experian IdentityWorks, you will have access to the following additional features:

- **Experian credit report at signup:** See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.\*
- Credit Monitoring: Actively monitors Experian, Equifax and Transunion files for indicators of fraud.
- Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARE<sup>TM</sup>: You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- **\$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance\*\*:** Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

# Activate your membership today at <a href="https://www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit">https://www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit</a> or call 877-288-8057 to register with the activation code above.

What you can do to protect your information: There are additional actions you can consider taking to reduce the chances of identity theft or fraud on your account(s). Please refer to www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration for this information. If you have any questions about IdentityWorks, need help understanding something on your credit report or suspect that an item on your credit report may be fraudulent, please contact Experian's customer care team at 877-288-8057.

### 2. Placing a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File.

Whether or not you choose to use the complimentary 12-month credit monitoring services, we recommend that you place an initial one (1) year "fraud alert" on your credit files, at no charge. A fraud alert tells creditors to contact you personally before they open any new accounts. To place a fraud alert, call any <u>one</u> of the three major credit bureaus at the numbers listed below. As soon as one credit bureau confirms your fraud alert, they will notify the others.

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion LLC
P.O. Box 105069	P.O. Box 2002	P.O. Box 2000
Atlanta, GA 30348	Allen, TX 75013	Chester, PA 19016
www.equifax.com	www.experian.com	www.transunion.com
1-800-525-6285	1-888-397-3742	1-800-680-7289

### 3. Placing a Security Freeze on Your Credit File.

If you are very concerned about becoming a victim of fraud or identity theft, you may request a "security freeze" be placed on your credit file, at no charge. A security freeze prohibits, with certain specific exceptions, the consumer reporting agencies from releasing your credit report or any information from it without your express authorization. You may place

<sup>\*</sup> Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Identity theft insurance is underwritten by insurance company subsidiaries or affiliates of American International Group, Inc. (AIG). The description herein is a summary and intended for informational purposes only and does not include all terms, conditions and exclusions of the policies described. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

a security freeze on your credit report by contacting <u>all three</u> nationwide credit reporting companies at the numbers below and following the stated directions or by sending a request in writing, by mail, to <u>all three</u> credit reporting companies:

Equifax Security Freeze PO Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348 https://www.freeze.equifax.com

1-800-349-9960

Experian Security Freeze PO Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 http://experian.com/freeze 1-888-397-3742 TransUnion Security Freeze
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016
<a href="http://www.transunion.com/securityfreeze">http://www.transunion.com/securityfreeze</a>
1-888-909-8872

In order to place the security freeze, you'll need to supply your name, address, date of birth, Social Security number and other personal information. After receiving your freeze request, each credit reporting company will send you a confirmation letter containing a unique PIN (personal identification number) or password. Keep the PIN or password in a safe place. You will need it if you choose to lift the freeze.

If you do place a security freeze *prior* to enrolling in the credit monitoring service as described above, you will need to remove the freeze in order to sign up for the credit monitoring service. After you sign up for the credit monitoring service, you may refreeze your credit file.

### Obtaining a Free Credit Report.

Under federal law, you are entitled to one free credit report every 12 months from <u>each</u> of the above three major nationwide credit reporting companies. Call **1-877-322-8228** or request your free credit reports online at **www.annualcreditreport. com**. Once you receive your credit reports, review them for discrepancies. Identify any accounts you did not open or inquiries from creditors that you did not authorize. Verify all information is correct. If you have questions or notice incorrect information, contact the credit reporting company.

### 5. Additional Helpful Resources.

Even if you do not find any suspicious activity on your initial credit reports, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recommends that you check your credit reports periodically. Checking your credit report periodically can help you spot problems and address them quickly.

If you find suspicious activity on your credit reports or have reason to believe your information is being misused, call your local law enforcement agency and file a police report. Be sure to obtain a copy of the police report, as many creditors will want the information it contains to absolve you of the fraudulent debts. You may also file a complaint with the FTC by contacting them on the web at www.ftc.gov/idtheft, by phone at 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338), or by mail at Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. Your complaint will be added to the FTC's Identity Theft Data Clearinghouse, where it will be accessible to law enforcement for their investigations. In addition, you may obtain information from the FTC about fraud alerts and security freezes.

If your personal information has been used to file a false tax return, to open an account or to attempt to open an account in your name, or to commit fraud or other crimes against you, you may file a police report in the city in which you currently reside.

**New York Residents:** You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the New York Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; <a href="https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds-bureau/identity-theft">https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds-bureau/identity-theft</a>; Telephone: 800-771-7755.

**Iowa Residents**: You may contact law enforcement or the Iowa Attorney General's Office to report suspected incidents of identity Theft: Office of the Attorney General of Iowa, Consumer Protection Division, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50319, <a href="https://www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov">www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov</a>, Telephone: (515) 281-5164

Maryland Residents: You may obtain information about avoiding identity theft from the Maryland Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General of Maryland, Consumer Protection Division, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, <a href="https://www.oag.state.md.us/Consumer">www.oag.state.md.us/Consumer</a>, Telephone: 1-888-743-0023.

North Carolina Residents: You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General of North Carolina, Department of Justice, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, <a href="https://www.ncdoi.gov/">www.ncdoi.gov/</a>, Telephone: 877-566-7226.

**Oregon Residents:** You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the Oregon Attorney General's Office: Oregon Department of Justice, 1162 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301-4096, www.doj.state.or.us/, Telephone: 877-877-9392.